submitted its report on the 7th January, 1994. The recommendations are under consideration of the Government. Suggestions received from various quarters, including the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry will be kept in view at the time of taking a final decision on the recommendations made by the Committee.

RBI to monitor Private Banks

5471. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Financial Express dated 12th April, 1994 captioned "RBI to monitor private banks" to ensure that they fulfil the priority sector obligations and social commitments laid down by the apex bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof and policy laid down therefor; and

(c) in what manner Government propose to ensure that significance of the Public Sector Banks would not in any way be diminished by bringing private banks in the scene?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines on the entry of new private sector banks stipulate *inter alia* that they will have to observe priority sector targets lending as applicable to other domestic banks. These guidelines also stipulate that to enable the new private sector banks to lend to all categories of the priority sector, some modification in the composition of the priority sector lending may be considered by RBI for an initial period of 3 years.

(c) The setting up of new banks in the private sector is expected to improve competitive efficiency of the banking system and upgrade technology. It is also expected that the existing banks including public sector banks would reorganise their operations so as to meet the competition posed by the new private sector banks.

Government's Policies on Banks

5472. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA
SHRI N.E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that government's reform policies and taking the banks to clean up their balance sheets, have pushed to the back burner the social oriented programmes like Rojgar Yojna for unemployed youth and loan to the priority sector; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to see that these sectors are not denied financial support from the banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Follow up action on JPC Report

5473. SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the follow up action taken by Government on the JPC report on scam;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in taking the action on the report; and

(c) what is the present position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Joint Parliamentary Committee presented its report to Parliament on 21-12-1993. The report has been discussed in both the Houses of Parliament. A committee comprising of Finance Secretary, Secretary (Revenue), Secretary (Expenditure), Special Secretary (Banking) and Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India has been constituted in the Ministry of Finance to process various recommendations concerning Ministry of Finance. An Inter-Ministerial Committee has also been constituted under the Chairmanship of Cabinet

Secretary for processing the recommendations other than those which are the concern of Ministry of Finance. 'The Action Taken Report' is under preparation and will be laid on the Table of the House.

बैंक आफ बड़ौदा में घपला किया जाना

5474. **श्री सोम पाल :**
श्री शारदा मुखर्जी :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान दिनांक 27 मार्च, 1994 के इंडियन एक्सप्रेस में बैंक आफ बड़ौदा में किए गए 60 करोड़ रुपये के घपले के संबंध में प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) क्या सरकार ने पूरे मामले की जांच कर ली है और यदि हां, तो इसमें लिप्त पाये गए लोगों के नाम क्या हैं और सरकार उनके विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करने जा रही है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस. वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) और (ग) भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक ने सूचित किया है कि बैंक आफ बड़ौदा की वालकेश्वर शाखा में मूल हिताधिकारियों से भुगतान रसीद प्राप्त किए बगैर विभिन्न कंपनियों और अलग-अलग व्यक्तियों के नाम पर कुछ अल्पावधिक जमाराशियों की समय-पूर्व अनियमित भुगतान करने की अनुमति दी गई थी। इन समय-पूर्व निकासियों की राशि को शाखा के दूसरे शाखक और उनसे संबंधित कंपनियों के खाते में जमा किया जाता था। इस तरह के अनियमित अंतरणों में मार्च से दिसम्बर 1993 के दौरान अंतर्गत कुल राशि लगभग 59 करोड़ रुपए थी। इस घोटाबाजी में शामिल पाए गए की मुख्य प्रबंधक, तीन अधिकारी और एक लिपिकीय कर्मचारी को निलंबित किया गया है। बैंक ने केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो में आपराधिक शिकायत दर्ज की है।

Hawala Racket at Ahmedabad

5475. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Enforcement Directorate has unearthed an international hawala racket at Ahmedabad;

(b) whether any arrests have been made in this regard; and

(c) what action Government are taking to find out the remifications of the racket and punish the guilty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE, (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) to (c) Three cases of hawala transactions involving Rs. 8.78 crores have been detected in Ahmedabad during the first quarter of 1994. Three persons have been arrested. Further investigation is in progress.

Buying and selling rates of shares

5476. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide gap between buying and selling rates of shares quoted on the Bombay Stock Exchange, which is causing hardships to small investors;

(b) whether it is a fact that such wide gap is due to lack of liquidity since the announcement of ban on forward trading; and

(c) whether Government would find a suitable alternative to forward trading in coordination with stock exchanges in order to encourage small investors ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) and (b) The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has indicated that the Bombay Stock Exchange does not maintain or publish any data on jobbing spreads and, therefore, it is not possible to ascertain the exact extent of jobbing spreads at any moment of time. It is therefore not immediately possible to forge a relationship between liquidity in the market and jobbing spreads. The buying and selling rates of shares depend upon a variety of factors operating in the stock market and the spreads between buying and selling rates tend to be related to turnover. The volume of turnover in the Bombay Stock exchange did not generally fall till 12th March, 1994 as a consequence of the regulatory